



**Agenda Item Number: 2006-1-8C**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** January 10, 2006

**Department:** Zoning, Building, Planning, Environmental Health      **Staff Contact:** Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager, Community Services  
Kitty Richards, Program Manager, Office of Environmental Health

**TITLE:** South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice Grant

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Financial Resolution **FR** **-2006** establishing a budget for acceptance of \$23,641 annually for a period of four years from the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation for Bernalillo County, Office of Environmental Health, to perform the role as subcontractor to support the South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice grant to research the impact of land-use decisions on public health.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Rio Grande Community Development Corporation (RGCDC) received notification from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences that they were awarded a four-year grant, under the South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice (SVPEJ), to assess the impact of land-use decisions on public health. The RGCDC would like to sub-contract with the Office of Environmental Health (OEMH), for technical assistance to address this research topic.

Previously, the OEMH was awarded a four-year grant, ending on June 30, 2005, from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for a project entitled South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice in which the County was tasked with identifying environmental health priorities in the South Valley. OEMH was the principal investigator on the previous grant award and subcontracted with the RGCDC. In an attempt to facilitate community empowerment and partnership equity, the new application by the SVPEJ to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences named the community partner, the RGCDC as the new principal investigator resulting in a new grant award to the RGCDC with OEMH as the subcontractor.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Financial Resolution **FR** **-2006**

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Bernalillo County, Office of Environmental Health, will receive \$23,641 annually for a period of four years (\$94,564) from the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation (RGCDC). The County will act as a subcontractor to the RGCDC to fulfill some of the South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice grant requirements.

# **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

## **COUNTY MANAGER**

This new grant application initiative is a continuation of a collaborative effort with the South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice (Bernalillo County, the University of New Mexico and the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation) in identifying environmental issues in the South Valley. This new grant is for a four -year period, which will result with a final report to the SVPEJ and the South Valley Community Advisory Group. I recommend Board approval of the Financial Resolution. TL 1/06/06

## **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Recommend Board approval of the Financial Resolution to accept compensation from the Rio Grande Community Development Corporation as a subcontractor for the South Valley Partners for Environmental Health Justice Grant. As the subcontractor under this grant, the County Environmental Health Office will provide assistance collaboratively with RG CDC in researching the impact of land-use decisions on public health in the South Valley. A final report will be provided to the County upon completion of the research under this grant and will provide the County with valuable information that may assist in future land-use decisions pertaining to public health in the SV. JMB 11/23/05

## **LEGAL**

This is the proper procedure to accept funds from Rio Grande Community Development Corporation to compensate the County for the services described herein. PFT 11/14/05

## **FINANCE**

### **Budget**

Approval of this financial resolution authorizes the County to budget and accept total funds of \$94,564 (\$23,641 annually over a four-year period) from Rio Grande Community Development Corporation, which received original funding from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Funding will be used to research the impact of land-use decision on public health as part of the South Valley Partners for Environmental Justice grant. The Budget will be established in line item BC07-588800-03SN until receipt of the contracts. Geri Maestas, Budget Analyst Sr. 11/1/05